Anarcho-Stickering

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A basic guide on finding, designing, printing and using stickers

1. Finding Most anarchists won't care if you print and distribute their designs as long as you don't try to take credit for it.

There's a lot of resources for finding stickers and of course these will change but I've made a list for you to look through

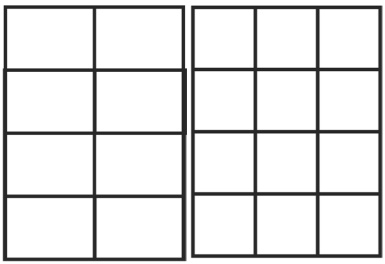
Sites
anarchiststickersarchive.org
activedistributionshop.org/shop
freepalestineproject.com
crimethinc.com/stickers
reddit.com/r/leftiststickers
reddit.com/r/leftistposters

BlueSky Profiles
@anarchotrans.bsky.social
@anonymous-7.bsky.social
@antifashpdxart.bsky.social

2. Designing The best place to get ideas for stickers and designing is by looking at other people's art. Keep in mind the size of the sticker and how it will fit on an A4 page.

I usually split the page into 8 for rectangles or 12 for squares/circles as shown below.

Its good to think about how the sticker might look over time after the colours fade. Red is usually the fastest to fade in the sunlight so try to incorporate some black in a way that the sticker is still readable over time.



3. Equipment It's best to get a used inkjet printer. They can be quite old and it doesn't matter too much. Try to find one that has a glossy photo paper option. It might be worth it to find a CISS printer like an eco tank because ink cartridges are a total scam. CISS printers are also expensive so I'll teach you how to shoplift ink cartridges in the UK.

Most major supermarkets like Tesco, Asda, Sainsburys, etc. will sell your printer's official brand ink cartridges or their own discount version of it. They may seem almost impossible to shoplift because they have an RFID sticker on the inside of the packaging and often a large plastic safety tag on the outside but there's a pretty simple solution.

You'll need to bring a shoulder bag with say a small piece of clothing to make it look full, a small blade/scissors that you can easily use inside the bag. Wearing a mask might put a target on your back so if you just wear a cap, cover tattoos and don't look directly at any cameras, you'll be fine.

Take the ink cartridge pack off the shelf and when you are in an aisle by yourself slip it into the bag. Move somewhere else in the store and act like you are looking for something in your bag. Use the blade you brought with you to slice the plastic packaging, take out the individual cartridges and discard the rest of the packaging elsewhere. Make sure the paper RFID tag has not fallen into your bag and then leave the store. You may want to purchase something small so that you don't appear as suspicious.

You should either do this when the store is quite busy and security are unable to follow you or when the store is very quiet so there is less likely to be a security guard watching live footage at the entrance. In the UK, security guards are mostly there for intimidation and company policy usually states that they can't leave the property to chase someone.

If you've done this right the security gates won't go off but if they do, just keep walking like you didn't hear anything. Security alarms go off constantly every day and its usually just because an employee forgot to take a tag off.

Good sticker paper is hard to find in store so you'll have to just order it online. Try to find splash-proof or waterproof sticker paper

4. Printing Test print your design with plain paper so that you don't waste any sticker paper sheets. Then switch to the 'glossy photo paper' option on your printer. After printing 1 sheet, you should throw up one of the stickers to test if its weather proof. If it isn't you can try using either hairspray or varnish spray to protect the design. Even if the stickers get ruined in the rain or get torn down they're still very useful to cover up fascist stickers.

You could get a trimmer for cutting the sheets but a craft knife will do the job just fine.

When you print the design, part of the paper will be left blank but that can be very useful. If you use a craft knife to lightly cut the boarders, you can take just the top layer off and keep the backing. This makes it easier to peel the sticker off and throw it up.

If you're planning on distributing the stickers, you can also print your activist group's site/insta tag as a watermark on the backing paper so that people can throw up the sticker and keep the backing paper to look you up online once they get home.

5. Using This is the fun part. If you live in a very conservative area, be careful but most of the time you won't have any problems. Unless there's cops around you'll be fine to throw up stickers.

Stickers are the best way to distribute leftist propaganda, they're easy and fun to share and use. Its best to give out quite a few stickers because you won't be able sticker your whole city on your own.